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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: MFA DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONFIRMS GOVERNMENT'S
APPROVAL OF TRANSIT OF GOODS FOR AFGHANISTAN

¶1. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

¶2. (SBU) The Embassy has received a diplomatic note from the
Kazakhstani Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirming the government's
approval of the transit of non-military goods for Afghanistan
shipped through the Distribution Network of Operation Enduring
Freedom (DNOEF). A translation of the full text of the note is in
para 3.

¶3. (SBU) BEGIN TEXT

Diplomatic Note 22-1/75

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan
expresses its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of
America and in response to the Embassy's diplomatic note of December
11, 2008, has the honor to inform that Kazakhstan expresses its
consent to the transit of commercial cargo of non-military purpose
through the territory of Kazakhstan to Afghanistan, excluding the
goods and materials noted in Enclosure 1 of the above-referenced
diplomatic note. (NOTE: For the sake of clarity, this was the
enclosure in our December 11, 2008 diplomatic note which listed the
military goods, such as ammunition, that we promised we would not
ship through Kazakhstan. END NOTE.)

The Ministry avails itself of this occasion to renew to the Embassy
the assurances of its highest consideration.

Astana, January 14, 2009

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